

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A data carrier system comprising a first data carrier selectively couplable to a communications device and a second data carrier selectively couplable to the communications device in preference to the first data carrier, the first data carrier being arranged to be decoupled from the communications device when the second data carrier is coupled to the communications device; and during a predetermined period of time the communications device is arranged to be ensured of a supply of power by maintaining the supply of power to the communications device in response to a command to extinguish the supply of power to the communications device and, wherein upon receiving a command to extinguish the supply of power to the communications device, the second data carrier is arranged to be decoupled from the communications device, wherein the first data carrier is coupled to the communications device, for the initiation and execution of a communication task involving information is performed, the information is used to update information in the first data carrier, the first data carrier is decoupled from the communication device, and the second data carrier is recoupled to the communication device, whereinafter the supply of power to the communication device is extinguished.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communications device is actuatable between a powered state and an unpowered state, the communications device being arranged to be actuated from the unpowered state to the powered state at a predetermined interval for substantially at least the predetermined period of time, wherein the first data carrier is coupled to the device to undertake a communication to update information in the first data carrier.

4. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first data carrier is coupled to the device to undertake a communication to update information in the first data carrier.

5. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the group of the first data carrier and the second data carrier is a smartcard.

6. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication task involves calling a particular phone number stored in the first data carrier.

7. (currently amended) A method of operating a data carrier system including a first data carrier selectively couplable to a communications device and a second data carrier selectively couplable to the communications device in preference to the first data carrier, the first data carrier being arranged to be decoupled from the communications device when the second data carrier is coupled to the communications device, the method comprising the steps of:

during a predetermined period of time, ensuring a supply of power to the communications device by maintaining the supply of power to the communications device ~~in response to;~~ receiving a command to extinguish the supply of power to the communications device, decoupling the second data carrier from the communications device, coupling the first data carrier to the communications device; initiating and executing a communication task involving information in the first data carrier; updating information in the first data carrier; decoupling the first data carrier from the communications device, recoupling the second data carrier to the communications device; and extinguishing power to the communication device.

8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented) A method as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the communications device is actuable between a powered state and an unpowered state, and further comprises actuating the communications device from the unpowered state to the powered state at a predetermined interval for substantially at least the predetermined period of time, wherein the first data carrier is coupled to the device to undertake a communication to update information in the first data carrier.

10. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first data carrier is coupled to the device to undertake a communication to update information in the first data carrier, whereafter the communication device is powered down.

11. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least one of the first data carrier and second data carrier is a smartcard.

12. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the communication task involves calling a particular phone number stored in the first data carrier.

13. (previously presented) A method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the smartcard is a contactless smartcard.

14. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claims 11 wherein the smartcard is a Subscriber Identity Module.

15. (previously presented) A method as claimed claim 7, further comprising providing location determining means.

16. (previously presented) A method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the location determining means is a Global Positioning System receiver.

17. (previously presented) A method as claimed claim 7, wherein the communication task is to update data stored in the first data carrier using the communications device.

18. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 17 wherein the data to be updated includes addresses to be used in conjunction with vehicle applications.

19. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the vehicle applications include one or both of security call and emergency call applications.

20. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a location determining receiver.

21. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the location determining receiver is a Global Positioning System receiver.

22. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising means for receiving the first data carrier, wherein the first data carrier is arranged to be substantially permanently in engagement with the means for receiving the first data carrier.

23. (currently amended) A vehicle incorporating a data carrier system comprising a first data carrier selectively couplable to a communications device and a second data carrier selectively couplable to the communications device in preference to the first data carrier, the first data carrier being arranged to be decoupled from the communications device when the second data carrier is coupled to the communications device; and during a predetermined period of time the communications device is arranged to be ensured of a supply of power by maintaining the supply of power to the communications device in response to a command to extinguish the supply of power to the communications device and, wherein upon receiving a command to extinguish the supply of power to the communications device; the second data carrier is arranged to be decoupled from the communications device, ~~wherein~~ the first data carrier is coupled to the communications device, ~~for the initiation and execution of a communication task involving information is performed, the information is used to update information~~ in the first data carrier, the first data carrier is decoupled from the communication device, and the second data carrier is recoupled to the communication device, whereinafter the supply of power to the communication device is extinguished.

24. (currently amended) A cellular telephone incorporating a data carrier system comprising a first data carrier selectively couplable to a communications device and a second data carrier selectively couplable to the communications device in preference to the first data carrier, the first data carrier being arranged to be decoupled from the communications device when the second data carrier is coupled to the communications device; and during a predetermined period of time the communications device is arranged to be ensured of a supply of power by maintaining the supply of power to the communications device in response to a command to extinguish the supply of power to the communications device and, wherein upon receiving a command to extinguish the supply of power to the communications device; the second data carrier is arranged to be decoupled from the communications device, ~~wherein~~ the first data carrier is coupled to the communications device, ~~for the initiation and execution of a communication task involving information is performed, the information is used to update information~~ in the first data carrier, the first data carrier is decoupled from the communication device, and the second data carrier is recoupled to the communication device, whereinafter the supply of power to the communication device is extinguished.